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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGMT:PROJECT V-5.1
(ARID ECOSYSTEMS)

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING FROM DR. FREDERIC
WAGNER TO PROF. ANVER K. RUSTAMOV, DIRECTOR
TURKMEN INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE, ASHKHABAD,
TURKMEN SSR: WITH COPY TO KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET:

2."DEAR PROFESSOR RUSTAMOV,
I REFER TO THE DISCUSSION ON PROJECT V-5.1 (PROTECTION
OF ARID ECOSYSTEMS) RECENTLY CONDUCTED DURING THE
MID-YEAR REVIEW OF THE US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT
AT HYDROMET ON JUNE 9. I UNDERSAND THAT DR. WILLIAM
A. BROWN RECEIVED YOUR PROPOSAL THAT A US TEAM OF EXPERTS
ATTEND THE JULY 1976 DESERT SYMPOSIUM OF THE GEOGRAPHIC
CONGRESS TO BE HELD AT ASHKHABAD WITH SIDE TRIPS TO
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SOVIET DESERT REGIONS. I ACCEPT WITH PLEASURE YOUR

PROPOSAL AND PLAN ON LEADING A DELEGATION OF FIVE PERSONS INCLUDING EXPERTS IN SOIL MICROBIOLOGY, PLANT ECOLOGY, RANGE MANAGEMENT, HYDROLOGY, AND ANIMAL ECOLOGY. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMING ME OF AN APPROPRIATE DATE FOR OUR ARRIVAL IN THE USSR AS WELL AS YOUR SUGGESTED ITINERARY AND PROGRAM FOR THE US DELEGATION.

3. FOR MY PART, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSAL I SENT YOU ON MAY 27 (A COPY OF WHICH WAS GIVEN TO YOU BY DR. BROWN) I WISH TO INVITE FIVE SOVIET ARID LAND SPECIALISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE DESERT BIOME DURING THE PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY MARCH 20-25, 1976 WITH SEPARATE MEETINGS UNDER OUR PROJECT TO DISCUSS INFORMATION EXCHANGE, WORKSHOPS OR SPECIAL TOPICS, LONG-TERM EXCHANGE VISITS, AND DIRECT COLLABORATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE YOUR FIVE SPECIALISTS REMAIN IN THE U.S. FOR THREE MORE WEEKS DURING WHICH TIME WE WOULD CONDUCT A TOUR OF SELECTED U.S. ARID LANDS.

4. FOR THE PRESENT, I PROPOSE THAT THE SOVIET VISIT TO THE U.S. IN MARCH 1976, AND OUR VISIT TO THE USSR IN JULY 1976 BE ON A 'SENDING SIDE PAYS' BASIS, ALTHOUGH THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT BY NEXT YEAR WE MAY BE PREPARED TO HANDLE THESE VISITS ON A 'RECEIVING SIDE PAYS' BASIS. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR EARLY SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS. SINCERELY YOURS,
FREDERIC H. WAGNER, ASSOCIATE DEAN, COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY. LOGAN, UTAH 84321. INGERSOLL

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